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DEADBEAT PARENT SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge Susan C. Bucklew today sentenced Robert George Cahill (age 41, of Holiday) to two years in federal prison for willful failure to pay child support. The court also ordered Cahill to pay \$72,732.62 -- the amount of the past due child support -- in restitution. Cahill had pleaded guilty on September 30, 2009.

According to court documents, a state court ordered Cahill to pay child support for his two minor children in April 1997. Although Cahill was aware of his child support obligation and was frequently gainfully employed, he made very few voluntarily child support payments. Other, involuntary payments were extracted from him over the years. During the period charged in the federal indictment, Cahill lived in Holiday, Pasco County, Florida. The custodial parent and minor children lived out of state.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rachelle DesVaux Bedke.